

seeds variable and not in conformity with the fruit. This is the earliest in the market and quite remarkable as to size and quality." (Eisen.) "38497. Giant loquat. Very finest quality and largest size. Of bright deep orange color, seeds round. The tree is said to be an enormous bearer and of the very best quality. Ripe from May 1 to 24." (Eisen.) "38568. Tanaka loquat. An excellent variety with very firm flesh of a yellow color. Stands transportation for a period of one week. In Algeria the seeds give varieties superior to the original type, furnishing interesting varieties for the market." (Trabut.)

*Ferula* sp. (Apiaceae.) 38633. Roots of asafoetida from Meshed, Persia. Presented by Mr. Craig W. Wadsworth, American Consul-General, Teheran, Persia. "Ferula, which produces the asafoetida of commerce, grows in the vicinity of Meshed and Kerman. I was unable to obtain seed from the former place, but one of the missionaries at Meshed, with the assistance of the British Consul, succeeded in obtaining these roots." (Wadsworth.)

*Lactuca sativa*. (Cichoriaceae.) 38657. Lettuce seeds from Manila. Presented by Mr. O. W. Barrett, Chief, Division of Horticulture, through Mr. Harry H. Boyle, Assistant Horticulturist. "I have grown many varieties of lettuce and worked with a number of hybrids produced in the Department. If my memory serves me well there is not one variety or one hybrid which will equal this lettuce when grown properly. It strongly resembles a cross between Grand Rapids and Golden Queen, a semi-open and semi-heading variety. During its young stages of growth it has the brightest golden color of any lettuce I know of. This character alone would make it especially valuable for garnishing dishes. Aside from this it is a very good table lettuce. This was obtained from Macao, a Portuguese possession on the coast of China, sent to the Manila Bureau of Agriculture by Mr. Soares, Hongkong, China." (Boyle.)

*Mangifera* spp. (Anacardiaceae.) 38379-382, 38387, 38390-391. Mango plants from Manila. Presented by Mr. H. T. Edwards, Director of Agriculture, through Mr. Harry H. Boyle, Assistant Horticulturist. Seven varieties of mangos, including several unidentified varieties of good fruiting quality from the Buitenzorg Gardens, Cochin China, which is one of the best varieties of that country, and the carabao and pico, the best and second best Philippine varieties.

*Nunnezharia pacaya*. (Pheonicaceae.) 38403-404, 38582. Seeds and lants of the salad palm from Coban, and San Antonio, Guatemala. Collected by Mr. O. F. Cook of this